DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, as far as these five presses are concerned, there was a decision of the Government to close down these presses much earlier, long back. As early as 1986, when a decision was taken by the Union Government to close down these presses, this matter was raised in both the Houses of Parliament saying that these presses should not be closed. So, again the Government had rethinking about these presses. These presses are still being continued. This is the position of those presses. The latest position is that the Government has not made up its mind or taken any decision to close down these presses. The same position continues.

श्री ओम प्रकाश कोहली: महोदया, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि सरकार की मुद्रण संबंधी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने की दृष्टि से क्या सरकारी मुद्रणालयों की केपेसिटी या क्षमता पर्याप्त है या नहीं और किन कारणों से सरकार को गैर सरकारी प्राईवेट प्रिंटिंग प्रेसेज में छपाई करवानी पड़ती है और आठवीं योजना में कुल मिलाकर गैर सरकारी क्षेत्र के मुद्रणालयों को कितना पेमेंट करना पड़ा है?

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, may I request the hon. Member to repeat his question? I could not follow as to what he meant by "paying money to the private presses."

SHRI O.P. KOHLI: I would like to know whether the capacity of the Government press is sufficient to cater to the demand of the Government. What are the reasons for getting the services of private presses and what amount was paid to them during the Eighth Plan?

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, only half a per cent, that is, 0.5 per cent work of the total work of the Central Government Departments had been given to private presses. It is not more than that, and that too, for works of urgency where some invitation cards of the Government are required to be printed or something like that. In such cases, they come to the Directorate of Printing of the Union Government, requesting for a no-objection certificate, and when that particular type of technology is not available, the Directorate of Printing has given the no-objection certificate. The whole thing is only to the extent of 0.5 per cent of the total work. As far as the amount that was paid to them is concerned, I will send the particulars of the amount so paid to the hon. Member.

SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Madam, the Minister has given a detailed reply for which I am thankful to him. At the same time, from the olden days, we have been talking about our Nasik Press where our currency notes are printed. The modernisation of presses is also being carried on by the Government. But now I am told that the Government of India is going to print currency notes abroad. I do not know whether our printing capacity has gone down or the level of security required for printing currency notes has come down. What is the reason for that?

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, I need a separate notice to answer this question.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Madam, money is already being printed outside the country. *(Interruptions)*

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Madam, the printing of currency is being looked after by the Finance Ministry.

*126. [*The Questioners (Shri V. Rajeshwar Rao and Dr. Shrikant Ram Chandra Jichkar) were absent. For answer, vide col.... infra.]*

Setting up of a major hospital in Nagpur

*127. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to stae:

(a) whether Government have received any representation for setting up a major hospital at Nagpur (rural) in Maharashtra, exclusively for the rural women of the Vidarbha region, to provide treatment for their gynaecological diseases and provide maternity services;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied the possibility of such a hospital;

(c) whether Government propose to set-up such a hospital, or to begin with, propose to set-up a smaller hospital in the area, for the treatment of suffering rural women of the region; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No such representation has been received in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Central Government. 'Health' being a State subject under the constitution, the State Government frame their own plans for opening of hospitals depending upon the felt needs of the people of the area and the availability of resources.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Madam, the hon. Member, who has put the question, was previously the Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: May be, the Minister, in future.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Madam, the question that has been put is a State subject and nothing was asked from the Centre. However, the information given to us shows that at Nagpur itself, the State has allocated a hospital on the lines of AIIMS at Delhi and Rs. 25 crores have been sanctioned for that purpose. There is nothing in special for rural women and their gynae problem as such. There is another 250 beds district hospital which has also been sanctioned recently at Nagpur.

कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे: महोदया, मेरा जो प्रश्न था उस प्रश्न के जवाब में मुख्य मंत्री ने कहा है कि उन्हें, उनके मंत्रालय को कोई चिट्ठी हमारी तरफ से अभी तक नहीं मिली है। मैं इस सदन के सामने यह कहना चाहूंगी कि मैंने इस संदर्भ में माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी को एक रिप्रेजेंटेशन भेजा था उसी की कापी आपके जो प्रेडेसेसर थे मिस्टर सलीम उनको भी मैंने भेजी थी और एक चिट्ठी मैंने भेजी थी इनपीमेंटेशन एण्ड प्लानिंग मिनिस्ट्री को। उनकी एकनालेजमेंट मेरे पास आयी है। तो बेसिकली मुझे लगता है कि मेरे सवाल का जो उत्तर आया हुआ है यह ठीक नहीं आया हुआ है। मुझे लगता है कि यह मेरा जो सवाल है इसको आप पोस्टपोन करें ताकि मेरी चिट्ठी का जवाब ठीक तरह से आने के बाद उस प्रश्न का ठीक ठीक जवाब सदन के सामने आए।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Anyway, the Question Hour is over.

श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी: सवाल चिट्ठी का नहीं था। सवाल इस बात का था कि हास्पिटल...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now the Question Hour is over. Papers to be laid on the Table.

श्रीमती सरोज खापर्डे: आपने एक सवाल के जवाब में कहा है ...(व्यवधान)... नो सच एप्लीकेशन हैज बीन रिसीव्ड

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: No such application has been received.

श्रीमती सरोज खापर्डे: तो ऐसा कैसे हो सकता है।

श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी: एट्थ प्लान में भी नहीं है, नाइन्थ प्लान में भी नहीं है।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Poverty Alleviation Schemes in Bihar

*123. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts of Bihar in which Government sponsored poverty alleviation schemes have been implemented;

(b) whether any review of those schemes has been made; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to transfer these schemes to the State Government completely; and